

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Resume of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S167–S224

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2018–2021, and S. Res. 250. **Page S213**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing the St. Louis Rams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 250, recognizing the outstanding achievement of the St. Louis Rams in winning Super Bowl XXXIV. **Page S189**

Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S167–88, S190–97, S200–02, S223**
Rejected:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2538, with respect to the disallowance of certain claims and to prohibit certain coercive debt collection practices. (By 53 yeas to 44 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 1), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S168–78, S190**

Withdrawn:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2537, to disallow claims of certain insured depository institutions. **Pages S168–78, S190**

Feingold Amendment No. 2667, to encourage the democratically elected government of Indonesia and the armed forces of Indonesia to take such additional steps as are necessary to create a peaceful environment in which the results of the August 30, 1999, vote on East Timor's political status can be implemented. **Pages S190–97**

Pending:

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2762, to modify the means test relating to safe harbor provisions. **Page S167**

Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are non-dischargeable. **Page S167**

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2748, to provide for an exception to a limitation on an automatic stay under section 362(b) of title 11, United States Code, relating to evictions and similar proceedings to provide for the payment of rent that becomes due after the petition of a debtor is filed. **Page S167**

Levin Amendment No. 2658, to provide for the nondischargeability of debts arising from firearm-related debts. **Pages S178–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments, on Wednesday, February 2, 2000. **Page S223**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S223**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with the Hellenic Republic on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 106–18).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Pages S222–23**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting pursuant to law, a report entitled “United States Arctic Research Plan; Biennial Revision: 2000–2004”; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–80) **Page S208**

Transmitting pursuant to law, Presidential Determination 99–37 relative to the Air Force's Operating Location near Groom Lake, Nevada; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM–81) **Page S208**

Transmitting pursuant to law, a report relative to the agreement between the U.S. and Latvia concerning fisheries off the coasts of the U.S.; to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Foreign Relations. (PM-82) **Page S208**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ross L. Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Nathan O. Hatch, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

22 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S190**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 2, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S223.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE CONCENTRATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the current structure and future operations of the Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, after receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Michael Dunn, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspec-

tion, Packers and Stockyards Administration, both of the Department of Agriculture; Philip Paarlberg and Kenneth Foster, both of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; John McNutt, Iowa City, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Rita Sharma, Williamsport, Indiana, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; William P. Roenigk, National Chicken Council, Washington, D.C.; Ron Warfield, Illinois Farm Bureau, Gibson City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Michael Stumo, Winsted, Connecticut, on behalf of the Organization for Competitive Markets; John Crabtree, Center for Rural Affairs, Walthill, Nebraska; Hubert O. Farrish, Columbia Grain, Inc., Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the North American Export Grain Association; Robert Smigelski, The Anderson, Inc., Maumee, Ohio, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Mike Clark, Illinois Corn Growers Association, Homer, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association, American Soybean Association, and National Association of Wheat Growers; and Dennis Wiese, South Dakota Farmers Union, Flandreau, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

LOAN GUARANTEES AND RURAL TELEVISION SERVICE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the issue of federal loan guarantees to promote satellite delivery of local television signals to rural areas, after receiving testimony from Gregory L. Rohde, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; Christopher McLean, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; William Roberts, Senior Attorney, Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Dale N. Hatfield, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission; Steven J. Cox, DIRECTV, El Segundo, California; David K. Moskowitz, EchoStar Communications Corporation, Littleton, Colorado; Bob R. Phillips, III, National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, The Plains, Virginia; Richard Sjoberg, Sjoberg's Incorporated, Thief River Falls, Minnesota; and K. James Yager, Benedek Broadcasting, Rockford, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters.